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WEATHER—Partly cloudy and  
cooler tonight and Saturday.

If commutation rates do not pay,  
directly or indirectly, why did the  
railroads ever begin them?

Congress having adjourned, the  
railroad lobby will now try to  
work the President.

If Secretary Loeb is to be required  
to answer all those third term  
letters, he will certainly deserve  
that increase in salary.

Governor Hughes says the New  
York legislature is "not on his  
hands". But he needs to keep  
both his hands and his eyes on  
it.

The Baltimore Sun suggests an  
examination of District Attorney  
Jerome's sanity. But the news-  
paper alienists made that long ago  
with the usual inability to agree.

Mr. Jerome should call a com-  
mission of alienists to sit on Mr.  
Delmas alienists and then Mr.  
Delmas might call some new alien-  
ists to sit on the Jerome alien-  
ists.

The union of Pittsburg and  
Allegheny having been confirmed  
at last Pittsburg can proceed to  
count as her own, all the virtuous  
citizens in Allegheny. That will  
help some, where Pittsburg is  
lamentably weak.

### A START IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

Some disappointment was ex-  
pressed at the mass meeting held  
in the court room last evening  
for the purpose of considering the  
proposition to begin action at once  
to lay before the city council first  
and the Erie and Big Four railway  
companies later, the proposition to  
lower the tracks through the busi-  
ness portion of the city sufficient-  
ly to allow the construction of  
overhead crossings at Oak, Prospect  
Main, State and Greenwood streets.  
While there were not as many pre-  
sent as the promoters of the plan  
had expected, nor as many as  
should have been present when so  
important a matter was up for its  
first consideration in a public  
meeting, yet there was a very  
gratifying representation of the  
business men of the city. During  
the earlier part of the evening the  
interest was not very great, but  
when argument after argument had  
been presented those present warm-  
ed up to the question and when the  
time for adjournment arrived all  
were enthused over the prospect  
of securing the elimination of these  
grade crossings which have not only  
been an eyesore to the city but  
the source of much danger, as  
well.

The citizens are going about the  
matter in the right spirit and in  
such a manner that there is little  
likelihood of meeting with opposi-  
tion. There is no intention to at-  
tempt to browbeat the railroads and  
compel them to come to terms and  
make the improvement. The citi-  
zens, through the committee which  
was appointed at Thursday evening's  
mass meeting, acting with the  
city council, or a committee  
which it shall name, hope and ex-  
pect to present the question to the  
railroads in such a light that they

## EASTER POST CARDS

That Tells the Story

C. G. Wiant

BOOKSELLER AND STATIONER  
The House of Post Cards

will see the advantage which is  
to be gained by both the city and  
the railroads, with the result that  
the improvement can be made by  
mutual consent and that the rail-  
roads and the city shall join hands  
in making the move which will re-  
sult in so great a good to both.

Sectional lines in the city were  
wholly eliminated in the mass meet-  
ing last evening. There were men  
present at the meeting, but there  
were more men who reside south  
of the railroads, and some of the  
most enthusiastic speeches in favor  
of the improvement were made by  
men who not only reside south of  
Mill street, but whose property in-  
terests are south of the railroads  
and who are compelled to use the  
crossings in question only occa-  
sionally. This is evidence that the  
project is not a sectional one  
confined to the persons residing  
in the northern part of the city  
but that it is general, interesting  
all who have the best interests of  
the city at heart.

The question of taxation is the  
only one which could be brought  
up against the plan, but this one  
should not be presented. The  
fact that many lives have been  
lost at these crossings and many  
more are jeopardized each day and  
each hour should entirely wipe out  
any objection which can be raised  
to the increased debt of the  
city and the increased responsibil-  
ity resting upon the taxpayer.

A prominent real estate man of  
the city at last night's meeting  
stated that he knew to a certainty  
that because of the railroad cross-  
ings, the value of north end prop-  
erty is reduced from thirty-five  
to fifty per cent. Should over-  
head crossings be made at these  
streets the value of the property  
would be advanced, the increase to  
the tax duplicate of the city  
would be material and the general  
increase in the tax rate would  
be very small. It is estimated  
that within a decade after such an  
improvement were made, the in-  
crease in the taxes from property  
owners residing north of the rail-  
roads resulting from the increased  
valuation upon their property, will  
pay every cent of the cost of the  
whole improvement.

Another argument which can be  
brought forward in favor of  
lowering the tracks on the right-  
of-way of the Erie railway are  
abandoning the Big Four tracks  
on Mill street is the fact that in  
a city of 20,000 inhabitants, such  
as Marion is today, with the pros-  
pect that before the year shall  
have passed it will have reached  
the 30,000 mark, more than one av-  
enue for commerce should exist.  
As it is today, practically all of  
the traffic to and from the west  
end of the city is compelled to  
use West Center street. Church  
street, of course, affords some re-  
lief, but Church street is not near-  
ly so well adapted as Mill street.  
The plan as presented to the mass  
meeting is to make it possible to  
open up Mill street for traffic to  
and from the union station and  
the railroad freight houses.

In fact there are a thousand and  
one reasons why the railroad tracks  
should be lowered and overhead  
crossings constructed; and only one  
argument can be produced against  
the plan: that of the increased  
cost and resulting taxation. As  
said before, this question should  
not be considered when thousands  
of lives of the men, women and  
school children are jeopardized  
each day.

The start has been made and  
made right. The men of the north  
and south parts of the city are  
hand in hand in the move; they  
seek to secure the co-operation of  
council and together to join hands  
with the Erie and Big Four rail-  
road companies in securing this  
great benefit for the city and for  
the railroads as well.

This is a question in which ev-  
ery citizen of Marion should be  
interested. A full and free discus-  
sion should be had, and to that end  
the Mirror throws its columns open  
to all those who desire to express  
themselves to the public. Articles  
should be made brief and to the  
point and should be signed.

### Drift of Comment

IDEAS OF A HAPPY HOME.  
Mrs. Gilman, a high priestess of  
female emancipation, constantly  
keeps on telling the world that so-

ciety is yearning for the release of  
housewives from housework, so that  
they can get out and struggle man-  
fully for a living, or at least do  
something besides darning the stock-  
ings, preparing the meals and look-  
ing after the children. Let society  
be divided into groups and each  
group assembled under one roof,  
where all the cooking will be done  
by cooks, all the nursing by nurses,  
all the ironing by laundry women,  
and then the women who want to  
be bankers, civil engineers and per-  
haps carpenters and blacksmiths  
will be able to go out into the world  
unshackled and do their part, re-  
turning home just in time to wash  
up for supper.

Such is a gospel of star-eyed  
dreamers which is constantly being  
preached; is the observation of an  
eastern critic.

Strange it is that the blessings of  
such a Utopia should fail to be ap-  
preciated and that there are men in  
this country, and of great eminence  
at that, who haven't a kind word  
to say for Mrs. Stetson Gilman's  
idea of the happy home with the  
father and mother working down  
town all day.

Rich Rev. Henry C. Potter, for  
instance, announces that he stands  
for co-operative housekeeping up to  
a certain point. "But insofar as  
co-operative housekeeping means the  
abandoning of the family as the re-  
public has known the family from  
its beginning and as long ages have  
known it from its primitive days  
when man stepped up from barbari-  
an, it is a menace pure and sim-  
ple."

So says the bishop of New York,  
while the president of the United  
States, in a letter to Mrs. E. H.  
Merrell, of New York, a few days  
since, is backward enough to de-  
clare that "the prime duties are  
elemental after all and that just  
as the highest work for the normal  
man is work for his wife and chil-  
dren, so the highest work for the  
normal woman is the work of the  
home, where, heaven knows, the  
work is ample enough."

Thus we see that living in sepa-  
rate residences, each family by itself  
and placing the responsibility of  
the household duties upon the wom-  
an of the family, are customs which  
continue to have supporters in high  
places.

It is a pretty good thing to have  
a few conservative people in this  
world or the faddists and dreamers  
would give us an automobile race  
that would wind up in a crash.—  
Mansfield News.

### THE REPUBLICAN PUZZLE.

Over in Ohio, the people rightly  
regard Taft as a fine man, a  
good Republican and a popular  
possibility for the Republican Presi-  
dential nomination. But, still over  
in Ohio, the machine with Foraker  
and Dick as its head has not even  
a remote notion that Taft will do.  
The wish is, of course, father to  
the thought and the wish will  
work overtime to make the  
thought come out right.

Moving into Indiana, there is a  
strong machine movement for  
Fairbanks. Correspondents who  
have recently looked into conditions  
in that State find that the Vice  
President has been building a  
solid fence among the "boys." Occa-  
sionally a few rails get out  
of place, but Mr. Fairbanks forth-  
with gives another reception and  
matters are straightened out again.  
But with the plain people in In-  
diana the situation is different.  
They don't exactly "see" the dis-  
tinguished Vice President. There is  
no more enthusiasm for him in the  
average crowd of ordinary vot-  
ers than the Vice President might  
find in a similar crowd here in  
Missouri.

Up in Iowa, the split Republican  
they are not so sure that their  
party is looking two ways. The  
old crowd thinks with Shaw that  
he might become Presidential tim-  
ber. The reformers are sure that  
Shaw is out of the running, but  
man Cummins is in it. Over in

Wisconsin the resignation of Sen-  
ator Spooner has raised the stock  
of La Follette, whose name they  
insist on pronouncing with an ac-  
cent on the second syllable. In  
other parts of the country, too,  
there is some whispering of the  
Wisconsin Senator's name, always  
with the intimation that he is as  
much of a Democrat as he is a  
Republican, an admission that is  
made with the air that it adds  
to the Senator's strength.

Going into the East, there  
arises the boom of Philander  
Knox, of Pennsylvania, who has  
a Cabinet record. The Knox boom  
will grow among the politicians  
since it was in that fruitful quar-  
ter of booms that it had its start.

This brings us around to Elihu  
Root, who is the mouthpiece of the  
administration in many important  
particulars, and as some people are  
wade enough to say, the balance  
wheel as well. Certain it is that  
Mr. Root has spoken well for  
Roosevelt on more than one im-  
portant occasion; and when there  
have arisen moments when a little  
calm was needed to take the place  
of a cyclone of strenuousness, it was  
Root who came to the fore with  
a touch of statesmanship that suit-  
ed the needs of the situation. An  
example of this may be found in  
the Secretary's handling of the  
Japanese problem. But Mr. Root's  
popularity with the whole people  
is about of the same grade as that  
enjoyed by the frigid Vice Presi-  
dent. His coldly classic meth-  
ods, his corporate affiliations and  
his formal personality are not cal-  
culated to stir voters to a frenzy  
of enthusiasm.

### UNREDEEMED PROMISES.

The congress, the session of which  
has just ended, was elected at the  
presidential election of 1904 and the  
republican majority was the largest  
since the reconstruction period. The  
republican national platform was  
supposed therefore to be its guide,  
and the promises therein made to  
the voters were a contract which  
should have been faithfully carried  
out. The platform deliverance on  
the tariff said: "To a republican  
congress and a republican president  
this great question can be safely  
entrusted." The voters took the  
party promise as meaning certain  
tariff revision, for at that time Presi-  
dent Roosevelt was thought to be  
an ardent tariff reformer. But in  
spite of the prodding from Iowa,  
Massachusetts, Minnesota, Wiscon-  
sin, South Dakota and other states,  
neither the president nor the repub-  
lican majority in congress undertook  
to even consider the "great ques-  
tion" with which they had been in-  
trusted.

The republican failure to revise  
the tariff resulted in the cutting  
down of the republican majority  
one-half and the defeat of some of  
the most prominent standpat mem-  
bers at the election of 1906. It is  
one of the open political secrets that  
a compact was made between the  
president and the speaker, as the  
representative of the standpat lead-  
ers, that the president was to fail  
to carry out the platform promise  
on the tariff which was entrusted to  
him, in return for aid in carrying  
out other policies that had not been  
mentioned.

Is any promise made in a repub-  
lican platform binding upon the re-  
publican leaders? Senator Hanna  
declared in the senate on the issue  
of admitting new states that it was  
not, if it was deemed impolitic to  
redeem the promise, and the attitude  
of President Roosevelt and the re-  
publican leaders on the tariff, which  
in their platform they declared was  
"this great question," shows plainly  
that the voters cannot expect future

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by the defendant in the case of  
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ruled.

## PRICE DITCH ORDERED SOLD

Hearing by Delaware and  
Marion Commissioners.

### DIVORCES ARE GRANTED

By Judge Babst to Bessie  
Beicher and Lena Fout.

Amended Petitions are Filed by J.  
R. Curtis & Co. Against Milwan-  
kee Fire Insurance Companies

The commissioners of Marion and  
Delaware counties held a joint hear-  
ing Thursday at the court house on  
the Price ditch matter in which res-  
idents of both counties are inter-  
ested. The assessments for the  
ditch which is to be about three  
miles long was the cause of consid-  
erable wrangling. Most of the Ma-  
rion county men are Germans, and  
the Delaware county men interested  
are Welshmen. The arguments be-  
tween the two factions placed a  
very humorous side to the proceed-  
ings.

The commissioners approved the  
engineer's report and ordered the  
ditch sold at Delaware, April 2. The  
ditch starts in Prospect township  
and runs into Delaware county.

Commissioners Cleveland, Potter  
and Meredith, and a large number  
of Delaware county farmers attended  
the hearing.

In the cases of J. R. Curtis and  
Co., against the Milwaukee Fire In-  
surance company and J. R. Curtis  
and Co. against the Milwaukee  
Mechanics Fire Insurance company,  
the plaintiff has filed his amended  
petitions.

The petitioner states that the com-  
panies were made aware at the time  
the policies of insurance were is-  
sued that the property of the plain-  
tiffs were incumbered in part and  
that they promised to insert a clause  
protecting the said plaintiffs in the  
policies.

After hearing a number of motions  
and demurrers which he took under  
advisement, Judge Babst complete a  
busy week in this city and left this  
afternoon for his home in Crestline.  
Judge Young will be on the bench  
next week.

The case of Bessie Beicher against  
George Beicher for divorce, was  
heard Thursday afternoon by Judge  
Babst who granted the plaintiff a  
divorce and restoration to her  
maiden name, Bessie Warner. Gross  
neglect and cruelty were the  
charges.

Lena Fout was Friday morning  
granted a divorce from her hus-  
band, Frank Fout, by Judge Babst.  
The plaintiff was granted \$500 al-  
imony and the custody of their one  
child. The charge against the de-  
fendant was non-support.

In the case of Jeremiah Jones  
against Mary J. Bonner, by agree-  
ment of counsel, the court ordered  
the real estate to be rented by the  
plaintiff until the case is finally dis-  
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tractive terms and prices—today.

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Opening Session at Central  
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Prof. H. H. Rangelier of Findlay  
College, Mrs. Grace Siffritt of  
Marion will Give Addresses

Many delegates to the Marion  
Township Sunday School conven-  
tion which will be held at the Cen-  
tral Christian church this evening,  
arrived in the city today and the  
convention will undoubtedly prove  
a great success.

The convention will open at 7  
o'clock and will be a rare treat  
for all Sunday School workers as  
well as all interested in that line  
of Christian work.

Prof. H. H. Rangelier from  
Findlay College is a practical  
teacher of a boys class in that city.  
He is one of the few men that  
know boys and how to interest and  
hold them in the Sunday school.

Every teacher, superintendent,  
pastor and parent in the city  
ought to hear this address.

Mrs. Grace Siffritt, the efficient  
superintendent of the Primary De-  
partment of the Epworth school  
will be interesting and instructive  
as ever.

A surprise will be sprung at the  
close of the convention. Everybody  
welcome.

Ike Smith and his wife have split  
up. Ike took the five children and  
all the blame, and his wife said: "I'll  
take the Hoosier Kitchen Cabinet  
I bought at McClain's."

### Merely Personal

Attorney Fred Guthery was at-  
tending legal business in LaRue  
and Agoria today.

Miss Sarah Dildine of Prospect  
was in Delaware today, shopping  
and visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Schultz and  
daughter Helen of Morral were  
visiting friends in Marion today.

Mrs. D. D. Bishop left this  
morning for Columbus where she  
will spend a few days as the  
guest of friends.

Mrs. W. T. Owen of two miles  
east of the city arrived home  
yesterday evening from Los An-  
geles, California, where she had been  
spending the winter visiting her  
daughter, Mrs. J. T. McEhee.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Isenberg of  
Farming street, returned last night  
from Williamsville, Ohio, having  
been called there to attend the  
funeral of Mrs. Isenberg's grand-  
mother, Mrs. A. J. Scott.

Thomas Dwyer of North Green-  
wood street is recovering from a  
bad case of blood poisoning in the  
index finger of his right hand,  
caused by a slight scratch which  
he received some three weeks ago  
at the Huber shop.

## JUST OPENED

Another barrel of those large  
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want to whet up the appe-  
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that we can make well dressed men  
out of them.

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special attention.  
Very moderate prices prevail for  
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marbles with each purchase in  
boy's department.

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